

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

WILL VERY LIKELY BE MADE BY CLEVELAND

As the Democratic Candidate and Allison as the Republican--The Latter Would

HARMONIZE ALL THE DIVISIONS OF HIS PARTY

And Unite Blaine, Sherman, Edmunds and Conkling in His Support--Interesting Interviews.

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

WASHINGTON, April 24.--The Presidential possibilities still hang on. Hon. Benjamin Brewster, the Ohio Congressman, has been interviewed in New York to the following effect: "I think that Senator Sherman can get the Ohio delegation to the Presidential convention if his friends work for him. The Senator is not aggressive and is not a political pusher. There is no doubt that Senator Sherman is very strong with the business people of the country." When asked about the coming national convention, he said: "Six powerful metropolitan journals are working themselves together to defeat almost any candidate. These editors, because they happen not to be pleased with the candidate, use all the resources at their command to defeat him."

Representative McMahon, of Nebraska, who enjoys the distinction of being the first Democrat to be elected from that State, says that the Western people are well pleased with the administration of President Cleveland, and unless he positively declines, will be in favor of giving him a second term. Should he, however, retire, they would be in favor of Hill as the Democratic candidate.

Don Platt, who is at present in this city, in an interview today on the political situation, said in regard to Sherman's Presidential aspirations: "Sherman is a very able man and stands high with the business classes. But the trouble with John Sherman is that he is so cold and repellent that he has no personal following. He makes an enemy whenever he shakes his hand. I do not think that his delegation will be got for him at the National Convention, but, like all of John's delegates, it will be apt to throw out and disappear when the fight comes on. The man who really has a hold upon the masses of the Republican party in Ohio is James C. Blaine. He got this from a suggestion with Garfield. The memory of Garfield in Ohio is fairly worshipped by the Republicans, and of course Blaine's identification with him, to say nothing of his own personal magnetism, which is remarkable, makes him very strong there; and I should not be surprised if, when the convention meets, the Sherman delegation will be found enthusiastic for Blaine."

I think that there is no doubt that the Democrats will renominate President Cleveland. The country regards him--I speak not only of the Democrats, but of the whole country--as an honest, honorable, able man, who is doing his best to make a good President. And, after all, we have to recollect that while the country is evenly divided as to who are the best candidates, regardless of party, have it in their power to re-elect the President. I do not now refer to what is known as the Mugwump vote, but to a real vote, to one that will vote for the man who is best qualified to lead the country and cast their ballots for the candidate they personally approve of. This class is growing larger every day, and Mr. Cleveland suits it.

The talk about Hill, of New York, as a possible rival candidate against Cleveland is the vilest rot, simply because Gov. Hill is a very able politician. He is a young man yet, and desires to lengthen out his political career. He does not want to bring it to a premature close by being a premature candidate for the Presidency and a premature President. He wants to be Governor of New York again before he becomes President of the United States. He knows very well that if Cleveland is re-elected he will be Cleveland's successor, and Gov. Hill is the man to butt his bald head against a stone wall. Unless I am greatly mistaken, it will be found, when the time comes, that the most enthusiastic supporter of President Cleveland for renomination and re-election will be James C. Hill. Cleveland will be renominated and re-elected.

"I can see no reason why the solid South should not continue in the next election as it was in the last. The South was solid, not because it was Democratic, but because its intense hatred of the Republican party will be a long time before the Southern people forget the carpet baggers and the bayonets, and John Sherman may travel through the region until he gets tired and produce no better effect than his brother, Fremont, when he made his march to the sea. Give the solid South to the Democrats and you transfer the fight to New York, and there President Cleveland will have the advantage of having made prophecy of the Mugwump's history."

In answer to the question as to who had the best chance of getting the Republican nomination, Mr. Platt said: "I do not think that Blaine is seeking the nomination, and this very fact may nominate him. The man who works for a Presidential nomination very seldom gets it. After Blaine I think Allison stands the best chance. He would harmonize. Blaine would not; Sherman would not; Edmunds would not; Conkling would not; and as well as friends to help Blaine his enemies to punish, and sooner than see the nomination go to Sherman or Edmunds or Conkling, or any of those who are against him, he would step in and take it himself."

BLAINE.

Van Hook's Scotch Blood. Scotism: The Macgillivraies of Stone acted against the interests of their chief, Lochiel, and secured the favor of the Lord of the Isles, for the names of their hands are not in the charter that was given to John Carr for the other places in Lochaber. On one occasion, when the Macgillivraies were defeated, the young widow of one of them fled with her child to Stone, and placed him under the

"NO SECOND TERM" STORY

REPEATED WITH EMPHASIS BY THE "SCOOPER"

Of the St. Louis "Republican"--The Authority for His Statement Besides the Senator

IS COL. DORSEIMER, OF THE NEW YORK "STAR."

Who Admitted That the President Had Written a Letter Declining Renomination.

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St. Louis, Mo., April 24.--The Republican's Washington correspondent, again referring to the Presidential renomination matter, gives the following: A story has come to the correspondents of the Republican tonight significantly confirming the conversation between the President and his Senatorial visitor. This story is the effect that the President had quite recently prepared a formal letter to be made public, setting forth his views in regard to the second term in plain, distinct words, and unqualifiedly declaring that he would not be a candidate for reelection. This story is the earnest persuasion of his friends, he asserted, however, to withhold the letter for the present at least, if not to wholly abandon his intention of giving it to the public. This story is told on the authority of Col. Dorsey, of New York, who is a close friend of the President. He told several of his friends while here, immediately after coming from the White House, that he had been shown the draft of a letter such as has been already characterized, and his advice was asked regarding the propriety of such a publication. He said the letter referred to some length to the opposition of a certain element of the Democratic party to the re-election of Cleveland and the chance that this might defeat the ticket. After referring to this well known fact, or the existing political situation, Col. Dorsey says the President went on in his letter to say that he deemed it wise in view of these circumstances to withhold his name from all consideration in connection with the nomination. He announced in unequivocal terms that he was not a candidate and suggested that some other leader who could command the united support of the whole party be selected as the standard bearer in 1888. Col. Dorsey stated that he once protested against any public use of such a letter proposed. He told the President there was no need for him to adopt this step now, whatever might prove to be wise hereafter. He urged the President to abandon the idea, for the present at any rate, and finally induced him to yield to his persuasions.

THE ARKANSAS RIVER.

THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON IT

And What Remains Unfinished--The St. Francis to Be Attended to Soon.

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WASHINGTON, April 24.--Capt. H. S. Taber, in charge of the improvements on Arkansas rivers, in his report upon the work of improving the river, says that the Arkansas river, for a month of March, says that the new land propelled snagboat was successfully launched March 12th and named Harry Brock. The expectations formed in regard to its economical work have been so far realized. Excepting the machinery, it is expected that the boat will be completed early in April. Work will then be suspended except when the machinery arrives, until such time as the river reaches low water, the stage at which effective snagging can be done. Briefly described, the snagboat is a strongly built ducked scow, drawing about twelve inches of water, supplied with a powerful steam capstan, a pair of shears and other appliances for removing obstructions, having a broad bow and three arches, a heavy hull, so as to give her great resistance when a lifting strain is brought on her bows. The boat has also accommodations for the working party.

A draughtsman was engaged during the month compiling the maps of the survey of the Arkansas river from Little Rock to its mouth. During April his work will be continued, but no other work except that necessary to care for the property and the records is contemplated for lack of funds. The completed work at Fort Smith is 1280 feet long and has been executed economically and is a model of thorough construction work and a credit to the assistant engineer in immediate charge, W. L. Kilbrow.

In the work upon the St. Francis river, Arkansas, it is proposed to take the snagboat to the mouth of the river, and begin there open the river toward the cut off near Kennett, Mo. The snags that now operate to reduce the water in the main channel between St. Francis and Kennett will be closed as they are reached and the snags and logs taken from the main channel. The outlet is well equipped and especially well manned and it is expected that excellent work will be done. A trip to this reach will be made during April to settle the matter of which is more worthy of improvement, the "cut off" or the old river. Nothing is proposed to be done during April on the Fourche La Poudre, Black, Little Rock and Saline rivers for lack of funds. If the water in the White river reaches an effective working stage in April the work of wrecking wing dams will be carried on by dropping the outfit down, as last season, without having to resort to steam power. Some snagging operations may be required in the lower river later on. In regard to the works on the Red river, it is not believed that this appropriation will put the river in very good shape for high and medium stage of navigation as high as Rocky Crossing and perhaps higher. It having been found that the trees whose limbs interfered with the navigation, have generally fallen into the stream and make as formidable an obstacle as before, a few men were picked and provided with creepers similar to those used by men of the Western Union Telegraph Company. These men have done most effectively opened that could have been done by the method of felling the trees and cutting them up.

"PREPARE TO DIE"

A Prominent Lawyer Attacked by a Member of the Profession.

WILKESBARR, Pa., April 24.--An attempt was made this morning to assassinate George B. Kulp, a prominent lawyer here and publisher of the Luzerne County Legal Register, by L. W. Dawitt, also a lawyer in good standing. Dawitt entered the law office of Kulp, and without any warning presented a pistol at the latter's head, remarking, "Prepare to die."

Kulp arose quickly and grappled with his assailant, who, in the scuffle that ensued, fired a shot. The ball passed through Kulp's coat near the shoulder, without, however, leaving a scratch on his person. The assassin hurried from the office, but was arrested soon after and taken to prison. It is understood here that Dawitt has made threats against several well known lawyers and members of the Luzerne County Bar Association without any apparent reason. He is thought to be insane.

This is to give notice that all citizens troubled with coughs or colds should procure a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and take it at once.

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Because He is a Brute and is Wholly Unworthy of Her--Her Literary Labors.

(SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.)

New York, April 22.--The Mail and Express not only has the honor to announce the presents which Emperor William received on his birthday, one of the most remarkable ones was a poem of the Queen of Rumania, says that in a modest short verse Carmen Sylva had described the chief incidents of the old soldier's life. She had moreover copied it out herself in her own hand on white parchment beautifully ornamented with flowers. The career of this lady, who is as perfect a scholar as she is a Queen, and a tender woman, is deeply interesting as sketched by an authority. By birth, Elizabeth, of Rumania, is a Princess of the House of Wied, and her father, a man of high ability and careful culture, gave her an education at once deeper and feebler than that which is usually the portion of the children of royalty. The death of a young brother clouded her childhood, and to dissipate the gloom she went to her aunt, the Grand Duchess Helena, of Russia. From the quiet studies of the Castle of Neuwied she came to the brilliant life of the brilliant Court of Russia. The amorous home came with her father's illness, and the "Wild R. of Wied" restored to her native land, watched in his sick room and long mourned his death.

When there was no kingdom of Rumania in existence, she had laughingly said, "I do not want to marry unless I can be Queen of Rumania," and, as so often happens, the careless thoughts of youth found their passage into the future. In 1859, she had slipped, and she would probably have been killed but for Prince Charles, of Rumania, who saw her danger and caught her in his outstretched arms. When Rumania chose him for ruler, he claimed the Princess as his bride. During the Russo-Turkish war she wore the uniform of the Red Cross, and as a nurse helped to avenge and assuage the sufferings which war inevitably brings in its train. At the close of the struggle Rumania had given a royal throne to the Princess, and in duty her crowns were made out of cannon captured from the enemy. The love and admiration of her subjects she has always had, and the sympathy also when the loss of an only daughter brought deep sorrow to her new home. She has sought to make her position in earnest endeavor for the good of Rumania, and in those studies which inheritance and education alike have made dear to her.

A small book, printed for private circulation only, and bearing on the title page the name of Carmen Sylva, the nom de plume of Queen Elizabeth of Rumania, contains the following aphorisms: "White hairs are like the sea foam which caps the waves after a storm." "The vulnerable point of one's character is much more speedily discovered by our inferiors than our equals."

"An animal when it is sick craves for solitude, whereas the human being, on the contrary, is only happy when he can make his sufferings public." "Those who assert that a sorrow sung in verse is no longer a sorrow, are either without the gift of poetry, or else they do not know what it is to suffer. It would be just as well to assert that bodily torture would cause no pain as long as one were able to cry out."

"Grief is our most faithful and constant friend. He always returns to us, although he sometimes changes his garments and sometimes even his features. We, however, are always able to recognize him by his close and warm embrace."

"The true 'grande dame' displays the same manners in her toilet room as in her salons, and the same courtesy toward her servants as toward her guests."

"The world does not forgive us either our talents nor our successes, nor our marriage, nor our friendships, nor our future. The only thing which is looked upon with indulgence is death."

"Every single action of our life carries in its train either reward or a punishment, however little disposed we are to admit that such is the case. "When for a short time one is deprived of pleasure, one no longer feels the longing thereafter; and even if death came at length knock at our door, we open it with fear and trembling, dreading that it may be sorrow in disguise."

"We are martyrs to our own faults. There is a kind of close relationship between all of those who are suffering from some sorrow or other. If we are in mourning we are somehow or other drawn to every black dress we meet."

"A great misfortune suffices to create even the humblest of God's doctrines with grandeur."

"As long as we are young suffering and sorrow is like a hurricane which robs us of our health. As we grow old, however, it partakes more and more of the nature of a zephyr, which merely adds one more